



Mountain View Recycling *Resource*

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New and Improved Trash and Recycling Services



Weekly
"Fall Leaves"
Collection
Coming Soon

Recology Continues to Serve Mountain View Residents and Businesses

Under a new agreement recently approved by the City Council, Recology will continue to provide collection services to Mountain View residents and businesses through October 2021. New and improved collection services available as of July 1, 2013 are outlined in this newsletter and additional information is available at **www.MVrecycle.org** and **www.RecologyMountainView.com**. The Mountain View Recycling Center will also have new services beginning on July 1.

Clean-Fuel Vehicles

By the end of 2015, more than half of all Recology's collection vehicles will be operating on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Mountain View!



Two New Clean Up Services

Bin for a Day

Have a clean up project that is too small for a Debris Box but too large for On Call Plus curbside service? Now you can rent a 4-yard wheeled dumpster. Recology will deliver the dumpster to your property. You load it up—they pick it up (within 7 days after delivery).



RecycleMyJunk

Want someone else to do your clean up? For a fee, Recology can do the heavy lifting and moving for you! This new service will be available beginning in January 2014.

New Services for Businesses Too!

To help increase diversion, new services are also available to businesses. Recology will offer technical assistance and waste audits to help businesses and schools recycle more and start a food waste composting program.

To Contact Us

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Solid Waste and Recycling

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Extra Recycling and Yard Trimming Setout

Collection of recyclables and yard trimmings will continue to take place every other week. Occasional extra recyclables or yard trimmings may now be set out next to your recycling or yard trimmings cart at no charge. If you regularly have extra recycling or yard trimmings, please order an additional or larger cart.



Set out no more than 2 extra containers of recycling. Place cans and bottles in one paper bag or small box next to cart. Place mixed paper in another paper bag or box. No plastic bags, please.



Set out no more than 2 extra containers of yard trimmings. Use large kraft paper bags or plastic cans. No metal cans or plastic bags please. Container limit is 32-gallons and 50 pounds.

Expanded Curbside Collection

In addition to household batteries and used motor oil and filters, the following additional items will now be collected curbside:

Cell Phones: Place phones in a clear sealed plastic bag and set on top of recycling cart.

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs): Place CFLs in a clear sealed plastic bag and set on curb next to recycling cart. NO fluorescent tubes (take to SMaRT Station; 20 tube limit).

Used Cooking Oil: Contained in a clear plastic bottle or jug with a screw-top lid. Set on curb next to recycling cart.

Please
DO NOT
mix together
batteries,
cell phones
and CFLs

Environmental Days

Two Annual Events Promoting Recycling & Reuse

(Dates, time and location to be announced)

Bring: Gently used Books, Toys, Clothes and Shoes • Large Plastic Toys • Household Construction Project Materials (amounts limited) • Batteries, CFLs, and E-Waste • Reusable Furniture • Yard Waste

Pick Up: Finished Compost (Free, quantities limited)

Weekly Fall Leaf Collection



To assist residents with fall leaf cleanup, yard trimmings will be collected **weekly** during a specified 10 week period each fall. The exact dates for weekly collection service will be announced in the Fall Edition of the *Resource* (delivered to homes beginning September 1).

Mountain View Recycling Center

Recology operates the Mountain View Recycling Center located at 935 Terra Bella Avenue. Residents can drop off extra recycling (mixed paper, containers and cardboard) or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



Appointment Program

Appointments are available to drop off these reusable or recyclable items (limits apply). Call Recology at **650-967-3034** to make an appointment, or bring them to an Environmental Day event (see page 2).

- Appliances (no full size refrigerators or freezers)
- Large plastic toys
- Furniture, suitable for donation only
- Clean wood and lumber (no painted or treated wood)
- Yard Trimmings



Expanded Drop Off

The following items are **not** accepted in your curbside recycling cart, but they will now be accepted at the Mountain View Recycling Center during drop off hours only:

- Milk and dairy cartons
- Aseptic containers (juice, soup, soy milk)
- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Frozen food boxes (and other waxed paperboard)
- Rigid plastics (e.g., pails, buckets, plant pots, laundry baskets)
- Textiles (unusable clothes, sheets, blankets, towels)
- Scrap metal (e.g., pots/pans, trays, utensils, tools and other small all-metal items)
- Film plastic (e.g., bread and dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap, plastic packaging wrap, zip lock bags, cereal box-type liners, shrink wrap). Please bundle plastics together.
- Usable clothing and shoes for donation
- E-waste (computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc.)
- Mattresses and box springs (fees apply)
- Used cooking oil (in clear plastic bottle or jug with screw top lid)
- Compact fluorescent bulbs (no tubes—take to SMaRT Station), cell phones, and household batteries (in separate sealed plastic bags)



Operating Hours

Buy-Back Center

Tuesday–Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

Drop Off Hours

Monday–Friday: 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

From 9 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm on weekdays, residents may purchase extra garbage stickers or pick up Extra SMaRT Day Vouchers

Two Special Programs in 2014!

Waste Reduction Rewards Program

The Neighborhood Waste Reduction Rewards Program will be an education and outreach campaign focused on overall waste reduction. It's a simple idea—the neighborhood that reduces the most overall waste (garbage, recycling and yard trimmings) wins! (Prize to be determined). The competition is intended to reinforce the three R's waste reduction hierarchy—*Reduce* when possible, *Reuse* if you can and then *Recycle*. More information about the program will be available in early 2014.



Residential Food Waste Collection Pilot Program

A pilot food waste collection program will take place in 2014 to assess the feasibility of collecting residential food scraps separately from yard trimmings. Once a pilot neighborhood is selected, more information about the program will be provided to those who will be participating. Why can't residents put food scraps in their yard trimmings cart with other green waste? The cost to compost yard trimmings combined with food scraps is considerably higher than to compost clean yard trimmings.

Did You Know? Some food scraps are already being captured by the trash sorting equipment at the SMaRT Station. This richly organic material, called "fines", is composted. Methods to increase the capture of compostable materials by mechanical means continue to be explored.



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